# $\mu$ -Embedded Sets in Topological Spaces

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Summary. - We define the concept of a  $\mu$ -embedded set in a completely regular topological space X and we state that every  $\nu$ -embedded set in X is  $\mu$ -embedded in X. Also, we give an example which proves that the converse is not true.

#### 1. Introduction.

All spaces considered in this paper are completely regular and Hausdorff. It is known that if  $\beta X$  is the Stone-Cěch compactification of a topological space X;  $\nu X$ , its realcompactification of Hewitt, and  $\mu X$ , the topological completion of X defined by Dieudonné (see [2]), then  $X \subset \mu X \subset \nu X \subset \beta X$ . R.L. Blair defines in [1] the concept of a  $\nu$ -embedded set in a completely regular and Hausdorff space X and he characterizes such subsets  $S \subset X$  by the condition  $\nu S \subset \nu X$ . According to this definition, a subset S of X is  $\nu$ -embedded in X if the extension  $t':\nu S \to \nu X$  of the inclusion map  $i:S \to X$  induces a homeomorphism from  $\nu S$  onto its image by t'. Following this definition, we can define the notion of a  $\mu$ - embedded set S in X by the condition that  $\mu S \subset \mu X$ . One easily sees that every  $\nu$ - embedded set in X is  $\mu$ -embedded in it. However, one question naturally arises: is every  $\mu$ -embedded set in X,  $\nu$ -embedded in such a space?. We an-

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swer negatively this question by means of an example of a set which is  $\mu$ -embedded in a completely regular and Hausdorff space but it is not  $\nu$ -embedded in it.

### 2. $\mu$ -embedded sets in topological spaces.

Let S be a subset of a space X, and i the inclusion of S in X. We call t' the Hewitt extension  $t':\nu S \to \nu X$  of the inclusion i, and t, the extension of i onto the topological completion  $\mu S$  of S, t:  $\mu S \to \mu X$ , such that  $t'|_{\mu S} = t$ , with  $\mu S \subset \nu S$ .

Definition 2.1. A subset S of a space X is  $\mu$ -embedded in X if  $t:\mu S \to \mu X$  is a homeomorphism from  $\mu S$  onto  $t(\mu S)$ .

If S is  $\nu$ -embedded in X, t':  $\nu S \to t'(\nu S)$  is a homeomorphism and since  $\mu S$  is a subset of  $\nu S$ , we have

PROPOSITION 2.2. If S is a  $\nu$ -embedded subset of X, then S is  $\mu$ -embedded in X.

DEFINITION 2.3. ([1]) A subset S of a space X is c-(resp. c\*-) embedded in X in case every function in C(S) (resp. C\*(S)) has a continuous extension over X. By [3], S is c\*-embedded in X if and only if  $\beta S = Cl_{\beta X}S$ . S is z- embedded in X in case every zero-set Z in S is of the form  $Z' \cap S$  for some zero-set Z' in X.

In [1] Blair gives an example of a space X and a  $\nu$ - embedded subset S of X, such that S is neither realcompact nor z-embedded in X. Furthermore, S is a  $\mu$ -embedded subset of X, non realcompact.

One easily states the following implications: S is c-embedded  $\to S$  is  $c^*$ -embedded  $\to S$  is z-embedded  $\to S$  is z-embedded  $\to S$  is z-embedded.

Since every realcompact subset of X is c\*-embedded in X ([1]) and every cozero-set in X is z-embedded in X, we have

Proposition 2.4. Every real compact subset of X and every cozero set in X is  $\mu$ -embedded in X.

PROPOSITION 2.5. Let S be a subset of a space X, if  $\mu S \subset \mu X$ , S is  $\mu$ -embedded in X. This is an immediate consequence of the fact that  $t: \mu S \to \mu S \subset \mu X$ , is a homeomorphism with  $t|_{S} = i$ .

PROPOSITION 2.6. Every topologically complete subset of X is  $\mu$ -embedded in X. This follows immediately from  $\mu S = S \subset X \subset \mu X$ , and then  $\mu S \subset \mu X$ .

## 3. There are subsets which are $\mu$ -embedded but non $\nu$ -embedded in X.

In [3] R. Walker states the following theorem

Theorem 3.1. ([3]) X is c\*-embedded in  $\beta X$  iff every point of  $\beta X$  is limit of a unique z-ultrafilter in X. Besides if we replace  $\beta X$  for any other space in which X is a dense subspace, the equivalence remains valid.

Since X is dense in  $\mu X$  and X is c\*-embedded in  $\mu X$ , we have:

COROLLARY 3.2. Every point of  $\mu X$  is limit of a unique z- ultrafilter in X.

PROPOSITION 3.3. If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are topologically complete spaces and c-embedded in X, then  $A_1 \cup A_2$  is topologically complete space.

Proof. Let F be a real z-ultrafilter on X. From the countable intersection property of F,  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  meets every member of F. Let  $A_1 \cap F_i$  non empty, for every  $F_i \in F$ . Since  $A_1$  is c-embedded in X,  $F_{|A_1}$  is a real z-ultrafilter on the topologically complete space  $A_1$ . Hence,  $F_{|A_1|}$  converges to  $x \in \mu(A_1)$  by virtue of Corollary 1 and thus F converges to  $x \in X$ . Consequently, X is a topologically complete space.  $\square$ 

From Propositions 4 and 5 we have

Corollary 3.4. The addition of two topologically complete spaces, c-embedded in X, is  $\mu$ -embedded in X.

Finally, the next example find out that there exist  $\mu$ - embedded sets in a completely regular and Hausdorff space which are not  $\nu$ -embedded.

Example 3.5. Let  $S_1$  y  $S_2$  two copies of a topologically complete non realcompact space. Let S be the topological sum of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , and let X be the one-point compactification of S. We have

- 1.  $S_1 \cup S_2$  is  $\mu$ -embedded in X.
- 2.  $S_1 \cup S_2$  is not  $\nu$ -embedded in X.
- *Proof.* 1)  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are topologically complete subsets of X and evidently, both are c-embedded in X. Then, from the last corollary,  $S_1 \cup S_2$  is  $\mu$ -embedded in X,  $(\mu S \subset \mu X = X)$ .
- 2)  $S_1 \cup S_2$  is not realcompact, since  $S_1$  is closed in S but  $S_1$  is not realcompact. Hence,  $\nu S \neq S$ . Since S is clearly not c-embedded in X,  $\nu S \neq X$ . Hence  $\nu S \nsubseteq \nu X = X$ , and S is not  $\nu$ -embedded in X.

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